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## UMaine reacts to tsunami disaster

By Kyle Webster  
Staff Reporter

Support has risen among several groups associated with the University of Maine in response to the recent tsunami crisis in Southeast Asia. Both the Wilson Center and Newman Center have encouraged students to donate money through various organizations.

According to Timothy Sylvia, campus minister for the Wilson Center, only one donation has been sent thus far, but more are on the way.

"The only piece that I have sent out so far is an effort by one of the Wilson Center's supporting denominations, the United Church of Christ," Sylvia said.

Additional area churches of all denominations have been holding special collections to benefit the victims.

Some cultural groups are also planning events. According to Asian Student Association president Anh Nguyen, the ASA is setting up tables in Memorial Union all next week to raise money. On Friday, Feb. 4 they will host a cultural talent show with an entrance fee that will likewise benefit the victims.

Additional plans to support those affected by this crisis are underway in the various religious groups on campus. "Currently the religious leaders on campus are trying to come up with a joint effort for tsunami relief," Sylvia said.

## GSS leaderless after oversight

Transition to new administration put on hold until legal issues resolved

By Diana McElwain  
Assistant News Editor

The General Student Senate began its semester with a shaky start. What was intended to be a typical meeting resulted in an appointment with a lawyer the following morning.

The group planned to witness the swearing in of Kate O'Brien as student body president and Brigham McNaughton as vice president. The agenda quickly changed when Senator Adam Kirkland informed the group that business would not go as planned.

Kirkland told the senators that no

meeting had been officially called that evening. Due to a complaint that had been lodged last semester by presidential candidate Eli Young, the swearing in of O'Brien and McNaughton had been postponed. Therefore, the only person who could call a meeting of the senate was outgoing President Cortlyn Hepler, who had not initiated the meeting. The contracts of outgoing President Hepler and Vice President Kate O'Brien have ended, leading the senate without an official leader.

Kirkland said that according to Student Government bylaws, the only way that a meeting could be

called was by a consensus by twenty-five percent of the senate, which had not occurred.

Elizabeth Anderson, president pro tempore for the General Student Senate, said that while an official meeting would not be held, the time could be used to discuss a complaint against the election process and to discuss the next step.

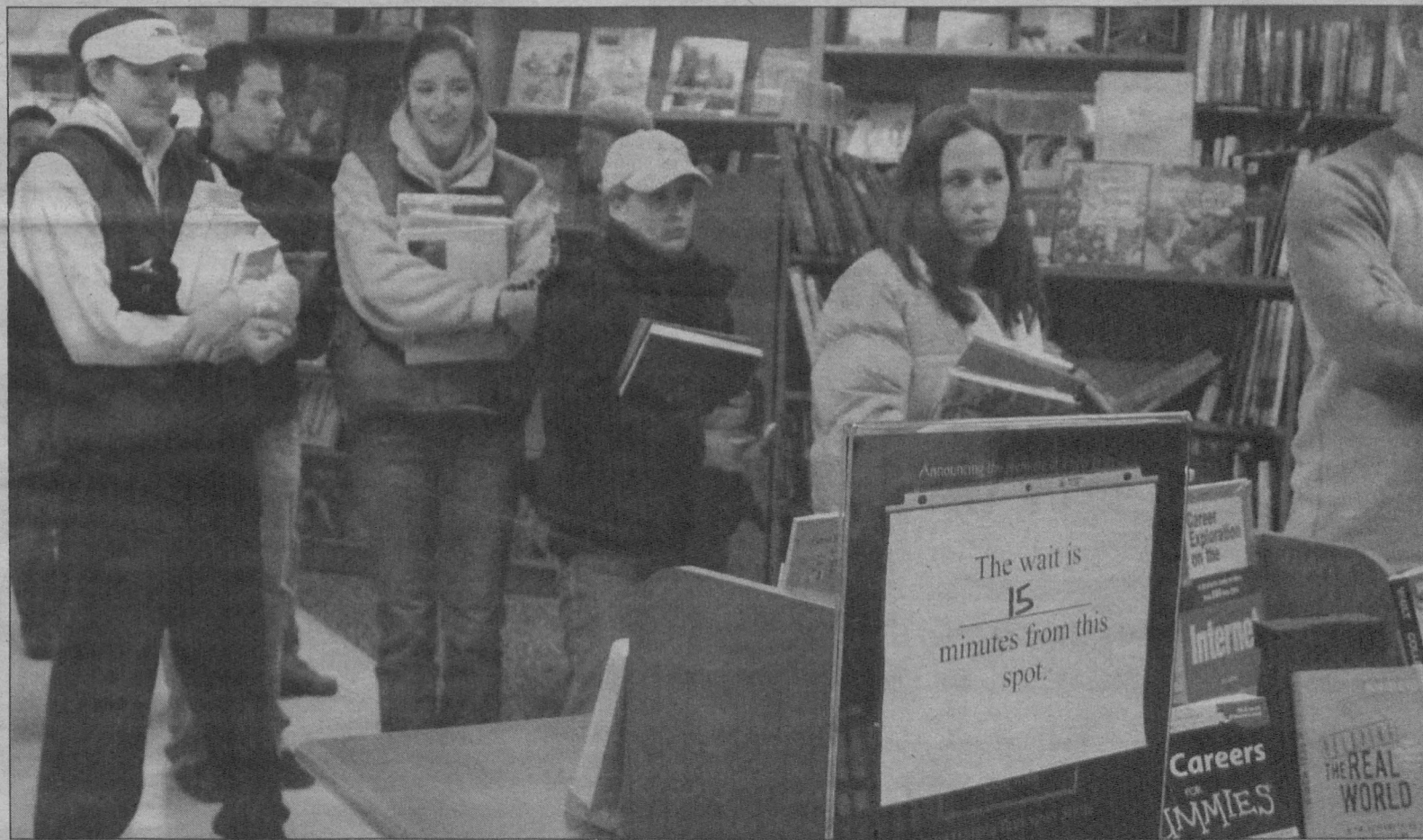
"We can use this time to make a plan of action, but we can't vote," Anderson said.

"This meeting was not called by anyone with the authority to do so. [O'Brien] and [McNaughton] will not be sworn in tonight."

The meeting then moved to the Wade Student Leadership Center, where the time was used to discuss a problem with the election process. Following the election, Young lodged a complaint against Eric DeGrass, chair of the Fair Elections and Practices Committee. Young said that the elections were not properly conducted, and that another candidate was informed of election results before they were released. Despite the claim, the election results were certified, leaving many of the senate members uninformed about the situation.

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### The wait is on



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

LINE 'EM UP—Back to school means back to the Bookstore with lines stretching from the registers to the textbooks on the first days of the spring semester.

## Vehicles robbed on College Ave.

By Kyle Webster  
Staff Reporter

Leaving a car unlocked in Maine is not always a safe choice, as proven by a series of burglaries recently. According to Detective Chris Gardner of the University of Maine Department of Public Safety, several unlocked cars and trucks were burglarized the evenings of Saturday, Jan. 1 and Sunday, Jan. 2.

"All of the vehicles were unlocked and the items stolen were things out in the open that were easy to grab," Gardner said.

The burglaries took place not only on campus, but in parking lots

located along College Avenue. Public Safety said it appeared that the burglars started at one end and moved down College Avenue throughout the evening and into the morning. According to Gardner, cars parked at Stillwater Apartments, Talmar Woods and on streets off of College Avenue were burglarized. Up to this point, 11 cases have been reported in the town of Orono, according to Detective Andrew Whitehouse of the Orono Police Department. The most targeted area on campus was the parking lot for the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity house. Gardner said there have been four confirmed reports in that lot,

however, brothers of the fraternity say up to eight cars were burglarized.

"[The burglars] went into all the cars that weren't locked," Matt Avery, a brother of TKE, said. "They climbed into the back sliding glass window of one truck and through the doors of others."

Items stolen consisted of over 300 compact discs, loose change, credit cards, sunglasses, wallets and clothing. Some of the items stolen were unusual, according to Avery.

"One guy had two pairs of gloves in his car and they just took the left of each pair," he said.

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## Fernstrom waits for answers from UMaine

By Ernest J. Scheyder  
News Editor

Allison Fernstrom is spent. The former York Hall resident, who was moved to Estabrooke Hall last semester against her will, is now at her home in Buxton, unsure if she will be able to return to school this semester. She has been fighting all break to be allowed to return. Currently, Fernstrom is pursuing

legal avenues that will allow her to resume classes this semester.

"In the last three weeks, the [University of Maine] has been contacted by my lawyer," Fernstrom said. While she does hope to be able to return soon, Fernstrom said that she doesn't see coming back this semester as a reality. She noted that because she utilized the

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# THE MAINE CAMPUS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2004

### Climbing night

MaineBound will host a climbing night at the Outdoor Education Center for all students, families and community members. It will run from 3 to 10 p.m. with a one-dollar charge. For information, contact Paul Stern at 581-1794, or visit the Campus Recreation Web site.

Friday, Jan. 14, 2004

### Diversity institute

An open session will be held at 1:30 p.m. in Memorial Union's Totman Lounge as a project of the Division of Lifelong Learning's collaboration with Cooperative Extension. For information, contact Devon Storman at 581-1550.

### Add-drop

This is the last day to add or drop classes for the spring semester.

### Fitness 2000

This self-paced fitness program will be held at the Memorial Gym each day until Jan. 15. Cost is \$3 per person. For information, contact Paul Stern at 581-1794, or visit the Campus Recreation Web site.

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2004

### Winter Bigelow traverse

MaineBound will host three days of winter backpacking. The cost is

\$105 per person and will begin at the Outdoor Education Center. For information, contact Paul Stern at 581-1794, or visit the Campus Recreation Website.

### Back county ski trip

This three-day ski tour of the Maine woods is sponsored by MaineBound. Skiers will meet at the Outdoor Education Center. Cost is \$132 for students. For information, contact Paul Stern at 581-1794, or visit the campus recreation Web site.

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2004

### Kayak pool rolling

MaineBound is sponsoring pool sessions designed to teach Eskimo rolling techniques, among other skills. Sessions will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$20 per student. For information, contact Paul Stern at 581-1794, or visit the Campus Recreation Web site.

### Submitting information

Submissions for The Maine Campus Community Calendar are free, and can be sent on FirstClass to Diana McElwain or dropped off in The Maine Campus office located in the basement of Memorial Union. Please include all the important information about your event. Deadlines for submissions are 9 a.m. Sunday for Monday publication and 9 a.m. Wednesday for Thursday publication.

## SENATE

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Senator Jeff Bailey said that it was not the decision, but the lack of communication that upset him and other senators.

"We're offended because we weren't told," Bailey said.

Vice President-Elect Brigham McNaughton said that while the election process did not run smoothly, the errors were not deliberate.

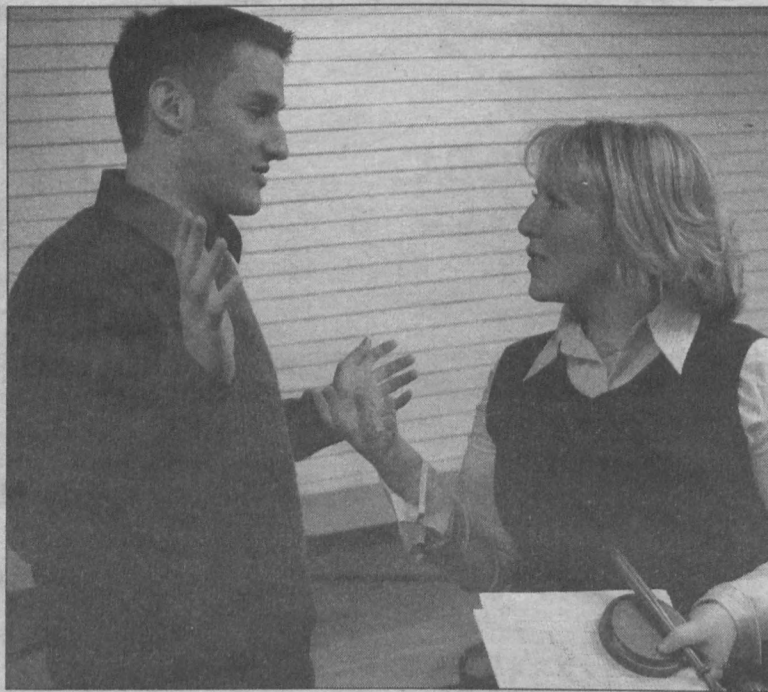
"I don't think it was handled wrongly on purpose," McNaughton said.

DeGrass said that the election experienced problems from the start, and the decision not to act on Young's complaint was given much thought.

"The process was flawed from when I was hired. I feel that I used my best judgment in every situation. I made the decision that was most fair," DeGrass said.

With no official leaders, the senate now must decide if they should acknowledge the results of the election as fact, or investigate the complaint and the election's outcome, possibly leading to different president- and vice president-elects.

According to the constitution of Student Government, next in line for the presidency is Vice President of Financial Affairs Jud Ritter, who is currently away from the University of Maine on a personal trip to Florida for the week. This leaves the senate with another spot to temporarily fill, and without an acting president. Nicole Rozanski, the vice president for student organizations, is next in line after Ritter to take command,



CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

**WHO'S IN CHARGE?** — Vice President-elect Brigham McNaughton and President-elect Kate O'Brien talk Tuesday night about the transition of power in the senate.

according to the constitution. However, she said as the situation is constantly evolving, she is unsure of exactly what steps she should take.

Sheri Cousins, Student Government's adviser, said that the investigation is necessary, but not an attack on the elected parties.

"This isn't personal. It's about a process. It's about being true to your role in senate," Cousins said.

To help clarify this process, members of the senate decided to meet with lawyer Corenna Howard of Student Government's Student Legal Services to plan their next step. A small group of senators and Cousins informed Howard of their situation, and asked for her advice.

A special session of senate is

planned for today at 12:30 in the Wade Center, at which time the group expects to have Howard's input. A plan will then be made to decide who will lead the senate and the student body. Anderson said it is the voices of the senate members that would truly make this decision.

"In the end, it's up to the [General] Student Senate. It's not up to our lawyer," Anderson said.

Kirkland said that despite the delays, Student Government will still be able to effectively serve the student body until it's next normally scheduled meeting on Jan. 18.

"We have a week. Student Government is not shutting down," Kirkland said.

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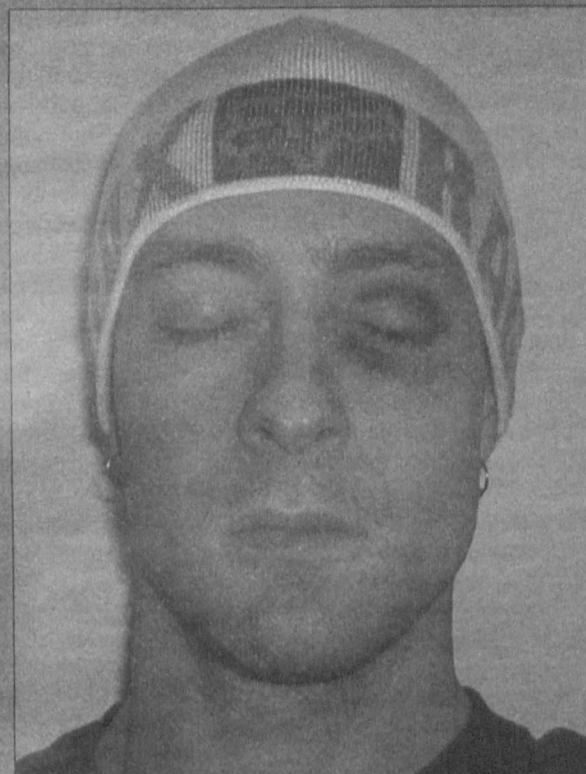


# FIGHTING

*the elixir*  
of addiction

One student's message of hope and optimism in a journey away from alcohol towards a brighter future.

By Aaron Barnes  
Head Copy Editor



The author's final fling with alcohol left him bruised and battered, especially on his face.

Just as it's nearly impossible to think of Lucy without Ricky, or peanut butter without jelly, it's difficult to think of college without alcohol consumption. The common perception is that the drinking taking place on and near college campuses is of the party-hard variety. While I'm sure that there are responsible college-age drinkers in the world somewhere, they never seem to show up at the parties and get-togethers I attend. They're not usually at the bar, either. I'll buy the argument that these responsible student drinkers exist, but then again, I don't generally seek out their type when I'm drinking. And drinking — how I thoroughly enjoy it — frequently to excess. That's where the seeds for the Tree of Bad Things are planted, and it's where my foray into life sans alcohol begins. It had to happen eventually.

Something inside me had to fall into place — it had to click. After a particularly eventful Saturday night in early December, I fielded phone calls and e-mails all day Sunday from people wondering if I was OK. I tend to regularly consume more alcohol than I should, so their concern alarmed me. No one was amused by my shenanigans the previous night, and if it wasn't for the graciousness of a few individuals, I'd probably be in a ditch somewhere. I've hit lower lows, but this time something was just fundamentally different. The post-drinking depression started to set in, and I realized something for the first time: I can't drink again. More than that — I don't want to drink again. I'd never seriously considered this option before, but in the days following that night, I decided to take steps to make that promise to myself and keep it. Realizing that you have a problem with alcohol is the first step, but it's not the hardest — asking for help is. The will to change is precipitated from without but comes from within. This is the moment that I knew I had to ask for help. I had two choices: Address the problem now and get the monkey off my back, or ignore it and continue to make the same mistakes over and over.

Is there a point where an alcoholic can tell he's an alcoholic? Sure there is,

and I'll tell you where it's not: It's not when friends stop talking to you because you drink excessively every time you go out. It's not when alcohol fuels infidelity, losing relationship after relationship. It's not when you start missing classes and showing up late for work because you were out too late the night before. It's not when you miss family functions because you're hung over. It's not when impaired judgment leads to drug use. It's simple, really: An alcoholic knows he's an alcoholic the day he looks in the mirror and tells himself he's an alcoholic. I had my first drink when I was 15, and I can count on both hands the number of times I've consumed alcohol in a responsible manner.

A number of questions come to mind when a person evaluates their alcohol abuse: Why do I drink in the first place? Why don't I drink responsibly? Can I ever drink responsibly? What can I do to ensure I don't drink any more? I took some time to think about how I wanted to approach this situation. Would I require professional help to stick with this decision? At the very least, I wanted to know my options and evaluate whether or not I would use them. And I was curious: What do other college students do when they decide to stop drinking?

It is widely accepted that drinking to excess is the norm in college; it's easy to alternate between drunk and hung over Thursday through Monday. Do my fuzzy memories of bars and parties reflect how most students spend their weekends? Not so, according to Gus Burkett, graduate assistant at Substance Abuse Prevention Services, which provides drug and alcohol education, resources and counseling to UMaine students and the community.

"Misperceptions are the biggest barrier [that may prevent students who need help from seeking it]. A lot of UMaine students think that abusing alcohol or other drugs is the norm at UMaine, but according to our surveys that is not the case," said Burkett. "More students than you think prefer not drinking, but they do it because their friends expect them to do it." A quick query of my friends reveals that I am, indeed, one of those expectant friends.

The numbers that Burkett refers to are gathered each October by polling 1,500 random UMaine students. Going beyond simple yes and no questions, the survey, developed by the Core Institute at Southern Illinois University, serves as a tool to "help us understand the culture of the campus and the difference between perception and reality [regarding alcohol use among college students]," said Burkett. The survey is made more useful by a database that allows UMaine to compare its statistics with universities nationwide. Adding to this effectiveness is the data collected regarding students' awareness of the resources SAPS provides. The results indicate that since the inception of SAPS three years ago, awareness of policies, enforcement and services available to address substance abuse issues has increased among students.

While this is encouraging news, it doesn't take any pressure off a college student who is dealing with alcohol abuse. Alcohol is the magic elixir that turns wallflowers into prima donnas, and it flows freely on and around college campuses. Why wouldn't it? Thousands of teenage freshmen celebrating their newfound freedom are thrown into an environment where alcohol use is encouraged. The drinking atmosphere flows downhill from the 21-and-over crowd and permeates all college social life. That's why a program such as SAPS can be so beneficial to college students; they're addressing the issue of substance abuse from the perspective of a college stu-

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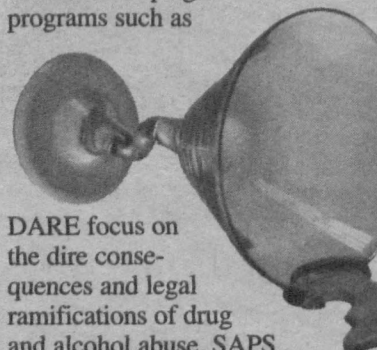


## ELIXIR

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dent. SAPS is all about informing — getting the word out about making healthy choices regarding alcohol and other drugs. By sponsoring events around campus and in classrooms, and by partnering with student organizations, they hope to accomplish this goal.

One such organization working towards this goal is the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Team, or ADAPT, a student group that works with SAPS. Together, SAPS and ADAPT develop programming that educates without being preachy — this isn't the DARE program we saw in grade school. Using student input to arrange activities and raise awareness is crucial to creating an effective campaign. Where programs such as



DARE focus on the dire consequences and legal ramifications of drug and alcohol abuse, SAPS focuses on the realistic goal of moderation and responsibility. As Burkett puts it, "We offer students the tools to make smart and healthy decisions. We show students the data, we present educational resources, and we teach them ways to be responsible."

Clearly, I was never exposed to this type of material. I have a habit of taking activities to new levels of unchecked involvement, and drinking is no exception. So what avenue is there for someone for whom education is too little, too late? When it's time to be real about conquering a substance abuse problem, there's an effective resource that shouldn't be ignored: counseling. Whether one-on-one with a licensed substance abuse counselor or in a supervised group setting, simply talking with someone about a problem is a great help. The confidential manner of professional treatment means that it's possible to receive help without feeling uncomfortable sharing personal details.

More often than not, there are underlying issues fueling a person's drug abuse. One caveat, though: You have to be open to treatment. Simply going through the motions isn't enough — motivation and a genuine desire to change one's behavior is. Modifying self-destructive behavior also involves setting attainable goals. Setbacks can and do occur, and I've found it's important to occasionally step back and review the progress I've made. The neurotic Bob Wiley in the film "What About Bob?" puts it best: "Baby steps, Bob. Baby steps."

UMaine offers counseling to students enrolled at least half-time — a minimum of six credits — free of charge, via the Counseling Center. Let me emphasize this point: The counseling services are free. Even students enrolled less than half-time are eligible for free group counseling and consultation. While there is a cost for psychiatric services, the value of

the services the Counseling Center provides cannot be ignored. I chose to go the private counseling route, and make no mistake about it, the bills add up fast. If you're like me and don't have insurance, you're taking no chances by checking out the Counseling Center. As with a private counselor, treatment is confidential. And again, you'll be dealing with professionals that understand substance abuse as it relates to you, a college student.

One student who responded to my request for opinions of the services the Counseling Center provides said, "Overall, I'd rate the help I got there as pretty good. They definitely started me on the right path." He went on to say, "There's a stigma attached to using drugs that makes it difficult to get help. It's so accepted at college that weekends are for getting drunk and partying. People almost look up to you if you're that guy that's pounding beers and snorting pills — it's the 'Animal House' mentality."

When seeking help, dealing with people that are familiar not just with college life, but with life at UMaine, is essential.

College graduates often leave university with a degree and a dependency on alcohol or drugs. Many people I know were introduced to alcohol in college, and developed a tolerance that eventually led to over-indulgence. Once out in the working world, however, those long party nights and subsequent hangovers don't mix well with professional duties. As a recent UMaine engineering graduate put it, "Man, I tried to keep up with my old self and go out [drinking] just like I did in school. That didn't work so well. I'm not being paid to show up late and hung over every day, but at college I could, because there it was just my own ass. Now it's my boss's ass too." There are plenty of well-established outlets available for those not in college who wish to seek help. There are groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous that use a 12-step program that has helped many others reach sobriety and stay there. If that's not appealing, your family doctor can refer you to a counselor or

psychiatrist to talk with someone about your drug abuse; you can also locate these resources by opening up the yellow pages. Lest we be selfish, let us not forget that alcohol and drug abuse also affects those around you. This includes your significant other, your family and your friends. For those people, a group like Al-Anon can be a productive means of helping them come to terms with your substance abuse. If you're religious, talking with your spiritual advisor can also be a great way to begin seeking treatment. The message here is that there are a number of resources offered in the community that vary in function but share the same common goal: Helping you get sober and stay that way. Altruism births noble ideals, but the truth is simple and pragmatic: You're much more valuable to society when you're

sober and productive.

I found the necessary will to stop drinking on my own. It's the support of those close to me, however, that ensures I'll keep a safe distance between myself and a cocktail. It's this admission that others can help me as long as I'm willing to let them that is making this process so rewarding. Realizing that people enjoy being around a sober Aaron is reassuring. Is this some spiritual awakening? Hardly. Is it a pivotal decision in my life? Possibly. Have I

### Addiction Resources

SAPS: 581-1423  
www.umaine.edu/dean-sofstudents/sas/

ADAPT: 581-1423

Counseling Center:  
581-1392  
emergencies: 581-4020

Check your local Yellow Pages for Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Al-Anon and Alateen.

enjoyed the past month without drinking? Definitely. Alcohol and I have teamed up for countless embarrassing and unnecessary moments, many of which I will remember fondly, some of which I will regret, and a few which I won't remember at all. I liken my drinking to a bad relationship that drags on simply for lack of an alternative. The alternative I found is responsibility, and for me, being responsible with alcohol means not using it at all. Adjusting to my new social life sans drinking is taking some getting used to, and the key seems to be keeping as busy as possible. Most importantly, though, I don't miss drinking, and that's the reassurance I need to stay sober. And I don't miss the hangovers in the least.

## Pair caught drinking beer at hockey game



### POLICEBEAT

By Kyle Webster  
Staff Reporter

A man was arrested and another received charges following a situation in Alford Arena during a hockey game at 8:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 9. Police responded to a report of two men sitting in section EEE of the arena drinking beer. An officer located the two men and confirmed that they were both holding open cans of beer. They were identified as Earl Parfitt, 39, and Patrick Randall, 19, both of Bradford. While speaking with the men, the officer noticed five empty beer cans at their feet. According to the officer, they were both intoxicated. Due to his age, Randall was issued a summons for illegal possession of alcohol by a minor. Both men were escorted from the building and issued trespass warnings. They were told that if they returned, they would be arrested. Parfitt was seen four minutes later walking on the concourse level of the arena. He was arrested for criminal trespassing and transported to Penobscot County Jail.

### Woman arrested for drunken driving, illegal road maneuvers

A woman was arrested and summonsed for multiple charges following a traffic stop near Estabrooke Hall at 2:47 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8. An officer on patrol noticed a vehicle driving the wrong way on Estabrooke Drive, a one-way street. The vehicle was then seen driving on the pathway connecting Estabrooke to Kennebec Hall. The officer signaled for the vehicle to stop and noticed that the driver, identified as Amanda Higgins, 22, of Old Town, was slurring her speech and was unsteady on her feet. She stated that she had consumed one beer earlier

that evening. It was determined that she should not have been driving. As a result, Higgins was placed under arrest for operating under the influence. She was transported to Penobscot County Jail where her blood alcohol level was found to be a .16. A search of her vehicle produced a marijuana pipe, a marijuana roach, and two prescription pills identified as muscle relaxants. Due to this, she was issued additional summonses for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a usable amount of marijuana and possession of a Schedule Z drug.

### Car search reveals marijuana pipe, beer

A man was arrested and a woman received a summons following a traffic stop in the Stewart parking lot at 3:42 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 9. An officer noticed a vehicle traveling on Long Road with a headlight out. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as Nicholas Homer-Wright, 19, of Derry, N.H. Homer-Wright stated that he had not had anything to drink. The officer asked him to blow into his hand and he immediately detected the odor of alcohol. Homer-Wright still denied drinking. He was placed under arrest for operating under the influence and transported to Penobscot County Jail where his BAC was found to be a .14. A search of the vehicle produced a bottle of beer, a cloth bag with a glass marijuana pipe in it and a red metal marijuana pipe. As a result, the owner of the vehicle, Tarrah Robillard, 19, of Derry, N.H., who was not present at the time of the stop, was issued a summons for possession of drug paraphernalia.



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## RESIDENT

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University Volunteer Ambulance Corps so many times last semester, her student bill is so high she cannot afford to pay it back.

"It doesn't look like I'll be coming back this semester," Fernstrom said. She said she hopes to know by this Friday if the university will let her return. Fernstrom did note that Robert Dana had told her that she is able and welcome to return. However, Fernstrom said she is frustrated by that offer because even if she were to return she could not register for classes due to her large bill.

Adding perplexity to the issue, Fernstrom's medical insurance, MaineCare, is not accepted by UMaine. MaineCare is a health plan managed and run by the state of Maine.

"It's a state-funded school and it's a state-funded health care," Fernstrom said.

"Cutler cannot be part of MaineCare," said Dr. Mark Jackson, director of Student Health Services. Unlike other insurance companies, MaineCare only accepts electronic billing and claims from physicians' offices and does not accept claim requests from patients.

Furthermore, MaineCare requires all participating practices to open its services to all members of the community, which would severely limit Cutler's ability to focus solely on the student population, Jackson said.

"There's nothing wrong with the practice," Jackson said about MaineCare. He did note, however, that he feels such a program is not in the best interest of students. Jackson also added that the new Bridge plan Cutler offers provides free ambulance care as well as a plethora of other medical services.

The most expensive Bridge subscription is \$240 per year.

In the meantime, Fernstrom hopes for an amicable decision to be reached by this Friday. If she returned, she is unsure where she would live as she turned in her keys to her Estabrooke room at the end of the semester.

Fernstrom claims her old room in York still has not been filled and her old roommate is hoping she'll be allowed to return, though Fernstrom is doubtful.

If her push to return to UMaine fails, Fernstrom said she will enroll in a few classes at the University of Southern Maine. In the meantime, she waits.

She said that above all else she wants an answer to just one question:

"[The administration] doesn't tell me why I was moved. That hasn't ever been answered."



Fernstrom

## UCU set to merge with local credit union

By Maeghan Naimie  
For The Maine Campus

The University Credit Union is in the midst of its second merger in the past ten years. UCU has decided to join forces with another local credit union, BANSKO. Both credit unions serve educational bodies. BANSKO holds the accounts of many members and employees of the board of education in Penobscot County. Both parties will benefit economically from the merger.

"The account holders and the [credit] union will experience better rates of return and services. An increase in members would increase the chances of maintaining smaller fees. This merger is similar in benefits to that of Fleet being recently dissolved into Bank of America. More people mean more services mean more value," UCU's Marketing Director Melanie Israel said.

UCU President and Chief Executive Officer Howard Dunn agreed.

"Consolidation of financial institutions is prevalent in today's economy ... I think the merger will be good for both organizations," he said.

The decision to merge with BANSKO Credit Union was made by a unanimous vote on December 13, 2004 of the members of the University Credit Union. The president of UCU spoke to the members at that time. Invitations were sent out to all account holders, and about 40 attended to make the decision. On the same day, BANSKO members also voted to approve the merger. The completed merger is planned for February 1, 2005. At that time, BANSKO will foreword all assets and liabilities to UCU.

"It will not, in any way, affect the personal services of our account holders," Dunn said. "BANSKO originally had reservations about losing their identity and



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

HERE'S MY MONEY — University Credit Union employee Alison Corson helps a student at the Orono branch Wednesday. UCU merged with BANSKO.

possibly some of the intimacy of their clientele." However, those behind the deal say this will not be the case. The entire BANSKO staff will be absorbed into UCU, and

*"We will be the  
third-largest credit  
union in Maine."*

Howard Dunn  
President and CEO,  
University Credit Union

probably stationed at the UCU office in Bangor, which is very close to where the BANSKO office was prior to the merger. Current account holders' account numbers will remain unchanged through the

merger, which is all that will separate the original parties.

"Both credit unions have high loan demands, and by coming together, we can reduce our fees," said Dunn, when asked about additional advantages to the merger. "Strength in numbers. It is hard to compete as such small organizations. It helps growth. In the end, we will be the third-largest credit union in Maine," Dunn said. BANSKO services about 2,700 members, and the UCU holds about 17,000.

"We will be 20,000 strong," Dunn said. Collectively, the credit union will total over 152 million dollars in assets. BANSKO members will also enjoy services offered by UCU, such as real estate mortgages and financial planning. These are services that

BANSKO was too small to previously offer.

The growth in numbers at UCU means physical growth as well.

"We are planning a new tech center on Park Street which has not yet opened," Israel said. The center will house the more technologically advanced aspects of UCU.

Sue Cross, the president and CEO of BANSKO, will join the UCU staff as the vice president and branch manager of UCU in Bangor.

"We will be absorbing some very experienced and valuable staff members from BANSKO ... and I know that they will make a great addition to the UCU team," Dunn said. Two of BANSKO's board members will also serve as associate board members at UCU.

## THEFT

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Some of the vehicles sustained minor damage.

"They pulled the rear view mirror off of a windshield so [the owner] has to get a new windshield," Avery said. While some students immediately reported the burglaries, several students did not notice the damage for some time, due to the winter break.

"There are still more reports coming in," Gardner said.

Gardner encouraged any student that noticed anything missing or out of order in their car to report it.

"Having all reported is more helpful," Gardner said. "If students noticed their cars rifled through with paper scattered or items missing, it should be reported."

At this point, these cases are still under investigation and both the Orono police department and Public Safety are asking for any person who may have any information on this to come forward. According to both Whitehouse and Gardner, there are a few leads, but nothing is solid yet.

"We have a couple of thoughts, but no specific suspects at this point," Whitehouse said.

Public Safety encourages all students to lock their cars at all times.

"We urge people to lock car doors no matter what," Gardner said.

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## Student government's shake-up

The Student Government's electoral process is designed to be adhered to with minimal deviation. The efforts of a certain number of student senators to ensure the integrity of the election process should be applauded. While often cumbersome, it is important to always follow the letter and spirit of the law. *The Maine Campus* acknowledges that we are not policy makers or law enforcers, but we certainly hope and pray that the University of Maine Student Government follows its own constitution in ensuring a smooth transition to a new administration.

With that said, it is imperative that new officers be installed as soon as possible. Without a leader, any organization is sure to fail. Student Government is no exception. The student body spoke its piece and elected Kate O'Brien and Brigham McNaughton. All haste should be made to install them to their newly elected posts. To not do so would be to ignore the very heart and soul of democracy.

## Got problems? UM has free counseling

Are your weekends four-day-long affairs that leave you feeling like a complete and total waste? Have you ever woken up fully clothed with no recollection of last night's events? How about the financial repercussions of constant partying? Have you ever thought about what constant boozing can do your family, your checkbook, your health and your life?

There are programs offered here at the University of Maine, free of charge, that can help you get on a road to not only sobriety, but a road to total recovery.

All too often the stereotype of the alcoholic college student is embodied by our friends or ourselves. If we all realize that there is a line between responsible social drinking and binge drinking, then everyone can have a have a good time.

If you are among those lost in the fog, please seek the help you need before it's too late. The resources are here, the only thing missing to utilize them is you.

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## Trading one vice for another

Methadone clinics fail to address root of opiate problem

Everywhere you turn today you can't help but hear about the new epidemic of methadone-for-profit clinics, overdoses or possession charges. Methadone provides a way for drug abusers to get off their opiate of choice, but no solution to kick the subsequent addiction to the new drug.

Methadone is the prescribed drug to eliminate the withdrawal symptoms in opiate addicts. The methadone is taken orally once a day to suppress the narcotic withdrawal from between 24 and 36 hours for drugs like heroin and morphine, according to the Office of National Drug Control Policy. Heroin releases an excess of dopamine in the body, and causes users to need an opiate continuously occupying the opioid receptor in the brain. Methadone occupies this receptor, and is the stabilizing factor that permits addicts on methadone to change their behavior and to discontinue heroin use. But how does the addict get off drugs when you are just replacing it with another addiction?

Methadone-for-profit clinics only offer a temporary solution. Since when is it a good idea to replace one addiction for another? Rather, the clinics should be making the programs temporary, in order to provide a solution recovering addicts to bridge from the heroin to life without any drugs. But when these clinics are for-profit, why would be they want to cut off their clientele? It would like

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SAUNDERS



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having your local drug dealer telling his strung-out client he or she has had enough heroin. It all comes down to the dollar. Just how backwards are the for-profit clinics' values? They refer to the men and women who come to their clinic as clients rather than patients.

Over and over, astonishing numbers are being reported about the increase of treatment of opiate addictions in Maine. The Maine Office of Substance Abuse reports an increase from 495 to 3,185 over the past decade. But when the clinics just continue to add people to the equation and neglect to get them off their treatment drug in order to completely cure them of their opiate addiction, of course the numbers are going to appear more astonishing.

Boston.com reported that, with new methadone clinics slated to open this winter in Rockland, Bangor and Calais would ease the commutes that an estimated 2,000 opiate addicts make each day or week to obtain treatment. But, a program that is not aimed to completely clean up the drug abusers the

number of 2,000 commuting clients will only see increasing numbers. Why would the for-profit clinics want to get people off of the methadone when there are taxpayer based programs that pay for the methadone and reimburse clients for mileage?

In Rockland, the local community and government made things difficult for the proposed Turning Tides methadone clinic. After originally proposing the for-profit clinic on Park St., the city has since rezoned to only allow the methadone clinic only in the outskirts of the city, in a more rural setting on Route 90. The Park St. building is located at the beginning of the downtown district. I can't imagine many tourists enjoying a drive past a methadone clinic to take their children for a Maine lobster dinner. The site also abuts a local family's backyard, where their children play on their swing set.

The owners of Turning Tides are serving the city with a lawsuit because there is no available space on the short strip of Route 90 for their clinic. The city had to rezone because it had no way of regulating if the methadone clinic moved in, or where they set up their drug shop. A restaurant or bar has to apply for a liquor license, and the city has control over them, but no control over the distribution of methadone to the

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## Quiet reflection

Comments on  
'A Closer Walk'

ADRIAN  
WINGARD

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*Editor's Note: This piece is a reaction to the movie "A Closer Walk," which was shown on World AIDS Day. While AIDS Awareness Day was held last semester, the plight and devastation of the disease is always a timely subject matter.*

If I had any understanding as to the terrible nature of the HIV-AIDS epidemic, that conception was shattered when I saw a film titled "A Closer Walk." I was greatly disappointed, however, at the lack of true media coverage on World AIDS Day. There was a 10 second sound bite on CNN, a shot of marchers with their red ribbons, but there was little statistical information regarding global case numbers. There was no mention as to what health care workers and the medical community are doing to combat the rising epidemic in African and European nations. The staggering numbers came to light through seeing this independent film. At the end of it, I was left with that same feeling of shock and disbelief that I felt when viewing pieces of Michael Moore documentaries: Why isn't the rest of the country opening their eyes to this terrifying reality?

First and foremost, I retract comments of judgment I have made about the hand of God being the silent killer behind the scenes of viral infections. Living in the incubated and safe territory of Northern Maine, I was one of many who believed only those with a moral weakness or deficiency could contract the virus. Though I believe that the nature of grand design, for lack of a better metaphor, has allowed these infections to keep some sort of check and balance among human populations, I have no right to judge anyone, period.

The opening sequence in this film shows a girl no older than five contorted in pain with bones stretching the elastic limits of her frail frame. All the doctor could do

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## CLINIC

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clinic's clients. The clinics do have to obtain licenses from the Maine Department of Health and Human Services, the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and the Maine Board of Pharmacy before opening.

In Bangor, a Florida-based company has proposed a second methadone clinic, to be located in Maine Square Mall on Hogan Road, next to Quizno's.

The Bangor Daily News reported that Bangor City Council Chairman Dan Tremble said that the methadone clinic program at Acadia Hospital operates in a hospital setting that he believes provides for close oversight with a level of privacy that he doesn't believe would be available in a commercial setting.

"The experience we've had with Acadia has been good," Tremble said to the Bangor Daily News. "I would question the need for a second treatment program. I understand Acadia has a waiting list, but I don't think it's enough to support another clinic in town."

In response to the Turning Tides controversy, a methadone law has been introduced to the state legislature by Rep. Ed Mazurek (D-Rockland). Mazurek has a number of co-sponsors on the bill, LD 21, "An Act to Enhance Community Involvement Regarding Methadone Clinics."

Residents in Rockland and Hogan Road business owners have expressed concern about increased crime to due to the addition of a

methadone clinic.

Portland Police Chief Michael Chitwood testified to Sen. Susan Collins that there are problems with methadone abuse and the regulation of it. He testified that in 2002 there were at least 30 methadone-caused deaths in the Portland and Cumberland County area.

"I feel helpless because we have two local for-profit methadone clinics dispensing this drug, without, in my opinion, adequate oversight," Chitwood testified. "The very nature of a for-profit clinics creates incentives to keep people on methadone or street out the amount of time they are taking it before being weaned from it. Furthermore, the clinics are sending people home with methadone with minimal counseling and education."

"The federal guidelines, which were designed to make methadone treatment more accessible, e.g. take home doses, have created a crisis," Chitwood said in his testimony. "People are taking their methadone home, but in too many cases, they are selling it or letting their friends take it."

If we want to help people with drug addictions, they need to be in programs that are focused on getting individuals completely clean and off methadone as well, and keeping the methadone off the streets. The for-profit clinic owners also need to be accountable for the fact that they are moving into communities. People deserve a right to have the clinics and clients out of shopping districts and in medical-based or rural settings.

*Kristin Saunders prefers to have her Quizno's without a side of methadone.*

the current HIV-AIDS virus explosion in the impoverished regions of the former Soviet Union. It was much like the bombed city scene from "Saving Private Ryan" — decimated buildings, bleak skies, colorless and dead vegetation spilling out from caves. A great number of teenagers in those war-torn areas had the misfortune of encountering heroin, which ultimately leads to the sharing of needles among peers — a junkie's right of passage, according to the film; a symbol among them of trust. The film depicted one teenage couple living in a cave. A heart-breaking scene of the girlfriend shooting dope into her hip while her boyfriend anxiously waited for his turn. Though I cannot remember the exact figure, the number of new cases in former Soviet Union has exponentially multiplied over the last two decades.

Though big-money health care seems staunch in its greed and policies, there are a few people who take to the streets and educate the poor through condom and sterile-needle distribution. They are saving future lives, and helping those already suffering to bare the burden. With all of the madness going on in the world already, I fear that the HIV-AIDS viruses will continue to spread and perhaps mutate into more deadly and terrible strains if left unchecked by the world's major medical organizations. How the medical community decides whether or not to send planes full of drugs and supplies can live with their own greed is beyond me. Thus, the age-old paradox of man continuing on to bitter ends with no ear to the ground, as the dead cry out to a world refusing to listen.

*Adrian Wingard is an English major who wants to someday change the world.*

## Giving a bad impression

### Unoriginal humor leaves much to be desired

Remember back in high school how funny it was to do a Cartman impression? I sure do. Some of you may be a little younger and were in junior high at the time, but nonetheless there was a point in history when talking like a South Park character was humorous. Like the golden age of railroad travel, those days are gone, never to return.

Cartman impressions will never be funny again. That's something I've come to terms with. The comedy train has left that station. However, there are some people on campus that didn't get that memo. These fools still think making their voice sound like the famous juvenile one is a shortcut to making anything they say funny. Unfortunately, they are living in a magic fantasy land with unicorns and leprechauns and root-beer waterfalls.

The problem isn't that some people on campus are doing impersonations of outdated entertainment icons, like Dr. Evil and Ah-nold. No, that's just annoying. The problem is the impressions themselves being used in place of jokes.

Comedy is an art, not an object that can be borrowed. You can't just repeat a line you

MIKE  
HARTWELL



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heard on TV and considered yourself funny. This is doing two bad, bad things to the world of comedy.

First, it's stopping the creation of new jokes. Why bother sharpening your wit when you can just recite some tripe and receive laughs? I have terrible mental images of a world where banana peels, badly translated signs, and slippery floors near fountains are ignored because someone is pretending they're Strongbad checking his e-mail.

Second, uninspired mimicking kills existing humor. Who hasn't heard someone repeat the same line from "Napoleon Dynamite" or Triumph the Insult Comic Dog over and over again? Every single line from Family Guy has been repeated ad nauseam; I almost want to hate the show. I never need to watch an episode of The Chappelle show. I can just sit at the Union for five minutes until

some loudmouth spouts off "I'm Rick James, bitch!" and I'm all set.

Flame-shirt-clad nerds repeat anime lines, New Media majors pretend they're Meatwad, and frat boys do impressions of the big Sloth guy from the Goonies all the time — usually it's trying. If you, for some unholy reason, think impressions are funny, think of so-called funny man Rich Little. If Rich Little showed up on campus under the guise of a comedian and did a bunch of lame impressions, he wouldn't be applauded. A torch-and-pitchfork mob would form and bludgeon him to death.

Try watching a Kevin Smith film with a die-hard fan that has to talk along with it, reciting every line verbatim. It's not impressive — it's annoying. People think they can coast through life without a single individual remark and be remembered as funny. There's a fine line between a clever reference and pointless reutterance.

If you find yourself doing a half-assed impersonation, just cut it out. Seriously, knock it off. We are not impressed by your impressions.

*Mike Hartwell is a junior English major.*

## Keep your resolutions alive in 2005

### Figure out what you want to change in your life and do it

It's a brand new year. And like most people who follow the wonderful practice of making New Year's resolutions, I ended up conforming to the ritual and making a nice little list of my own. While many wonder, "What's the point? I'm not going to keep them," resolutions are still a fun thing to do. Making a few resolutions here and there to try and improve yourself can be a good thing. For those of you wondering just where to start, here are a couple of suggestions that you can use if you're still procrastinating on making a few New Year's resolutions:

• Get out — How many times did you find yourself in your dorm last semester with nothing to do, bored out of your mind, flipping the TV on and off and wondering where all the fun was? I was one of those people. If you're spending a bit too much of your free time back in your dorm room, maybe you should look at getting out every once in a while. We've all heard this time and time again, but it's true. There is a lot to do on campus. There are plenty of

PAUL  
GOODMAN



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activities going on and you're bound to find something of interest. No suggestion is better than the next one.

• Go to more hockey games — This is a big thing I really missed out on last semester. I had all the old excuses: "I didn't have the time," "I had too much work," or "I had no one to go with." I actually went to one last Sunday, and I can't believe what I was missing all this time. The crowd, the game, the noise, even the food — all fun. I can't see why I thought spending time in my dorm watching a movie was better than hockey. Plenty of my friends are hockey fans, as are many people in my building. There is no longer any excuse for me to pass up every game this season, especially after seeing that awesome 6-0 victory last Sunday.

• Keep up the grades — I was lucky this past semester. I managed to get decent grades in all of my classes — in my important courses that I was severely worried about failing. I even managed to make it out ok. But a couple of my colleagues and friends weren't as fortunate. All the upperclassman already know this, but some of us first-years learned the hard way about college classes. It's not high school, and you can screw up pretty badly if you're not careful. This semester, I'm going to spend a little less time goofing around, and a little more time bringing up that GPA. It's a suggestion everyone should take to heart.

• Keep a resolution — So you've made them, written a huge list, now what? Go ahead and try to keep a few of them. Even if you manage to do so for a few weeks it's a start. If you manage to make it through half of a year without breaking one of them, that's an even greater accomplishment. I know it's something I'd be proud of.

*Paul Goodman is a freshman new media major.*

## AIDS

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was sadly stand watch for the inevitable flat-line, and the film's grim narrative begins. At the film's end, this young girl perishes; the innocence in her eyes fade like a dying sun. Seeing that face, and the same hopeless expressions on other people in the final stages of the disease, made me choke back tears. This particular disease goes beyond the individual — especially the mothers who are infected and pregnant. The children, who have done nothing, are coming into the world dying as they are born. The ones who have the misfortune of being born in an already under-developed country, without health care, are ultimately left behind without the benefits of temporary remission drugs.

One of the most impressive characters in the film was a young doctor who sacrificed a potentially lucrative practice, foregoing a hospital or small town clinic to help African villages without proper medical resources. Day and night he would travel and give freely of himself in the hopes of making people's suffering easier to burden. His philosophy was that the neighsayers be damned. He spoke passionately about the world's lack of empathy for human suffering when it comes to HIV-AIDS.

I sat uneasily in my chair as I realized my blessing of being born into this country without having to suffer disease and a slow death as a result. I looked around the room at my peers and colleagues and wondered what they might be thinking as harrowing images rolled across the screen from one to the next.

One astonishingly cold fact was

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Thursday, Jan. 20  
Memorial Union  
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"Generations"  
7 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 21  
100 DPC  
\$5

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Maine Center for the Arts  
\$10

## ART

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Carnegie Hall  
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Through Friday, June 10  
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## ENTERTAINMENT

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Saturday, Jan. 15  
Memorial Union  
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MaineBound Winter Sports Festival  
3 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 19  
MaineBound  
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3 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
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\$1

## COMEDY

"The Maine Attraction — Mark Saldana"  
9 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 14  
Memorial Union  
Free

"The Maine Event — Dan Kinno"  
9:30 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 21  
Memorial Union  
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## MOVIES

"Friday Night Lights"  
7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 19 and  
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## BARS

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Thursdays  
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College Night  
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Thursdays  
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50 cent drinks

College Night  
Thursdays  
The Chocolate Grille  
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## BOX OFFICE BREAKDOWN

*Everything you need to know about this year's hottest releases to grace the silver screen*

By Matt Kearney, Matt Conyers & Erin McNamara

The first time I saw "Meet the Parents," I peed my pants I was laughing so hard. During "Meet the Fockers," I also peed my pants; wasn't because the movie was necessarily funny, but because I suffer from a nasty case of detrusor instability.

In the sequel to the 2000 comedy, Greg (Ben Stiller) and Pam (Teri Polo) travel with Pam's parents (Robert De Niro and Blythe Danner) to meet Greg's wacky parents (Dustin Hoffman and Barbra Streisand).

### MOVIE REVIEW

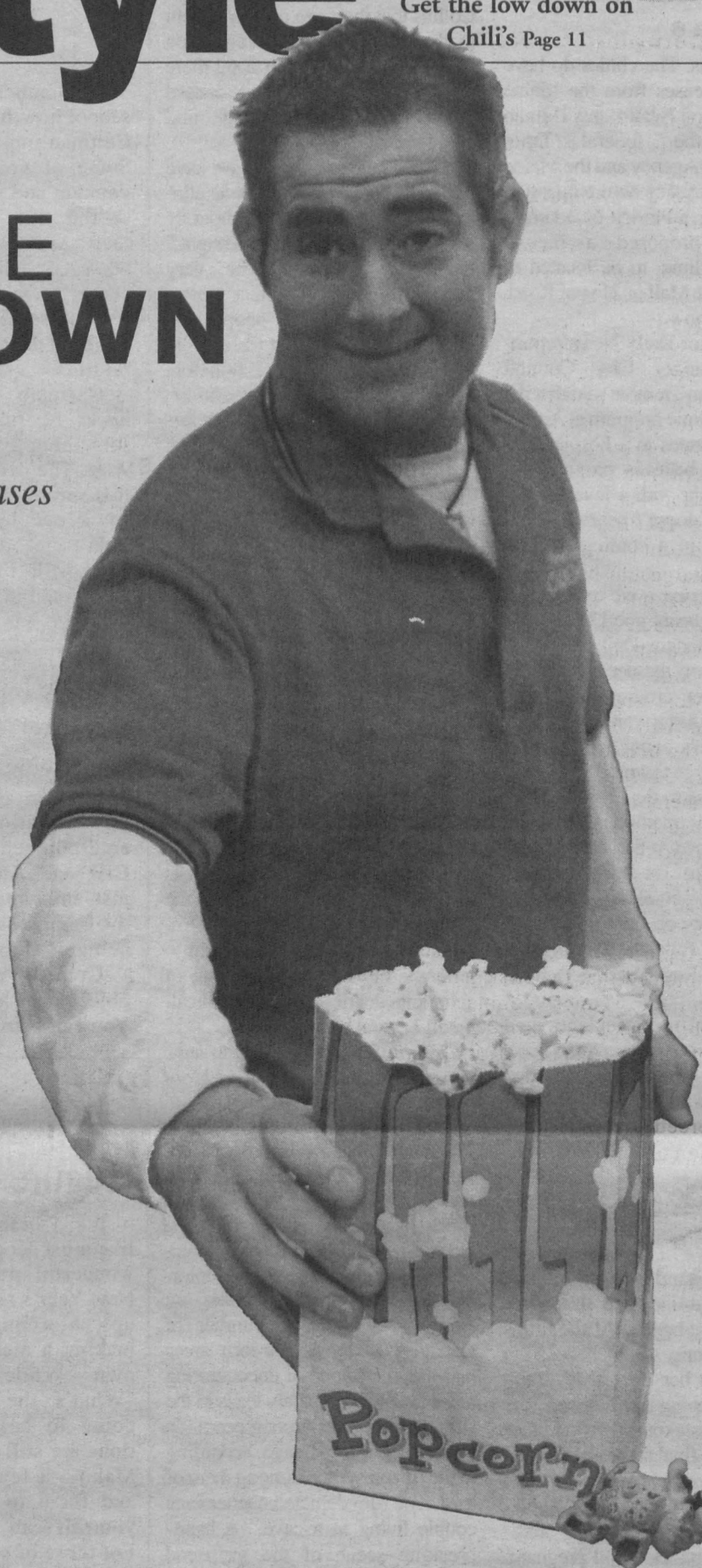
While the movie does a decent job of creating a few laughs, it pales in comparison to the original. "Meet the Parents" succeeded because the humor was natural and unforced, which is not the case in this installment. A lot of the humor is recycled jokes from the first movie. There are very few original funny moments.

The movie does have a few shining moments, however, including Greg's truth-serum-induced speech in front of his entire family, where he admits to fathering a child with his childhood nanny. Hoffman makes a nice addition to the cast and helps to carry more than his share of the movie. De Niro's role has been reduced to being a complete jackass to help juxtapose the carefree nature of Hoffman's character.

If you are able to watch the movie without comparing it to the original, you may be able to enjoy it. However, as soon as you begin to think about "Meet the Parents" you will realize just how truly hollow "Meet the Fockers" is.

In "Ocean's 11," Danny Ocean, played by George Clooney, and his gang of thieves stole \$160 million from Vegas tycoon Terry Benedict, played by Andy Garcia. In "Ocean's 12" Benedict has tracked down the gang and wants his money back. In order to pay back the money, much of which they have already spent, the gang has to reassemble and travel to Europe to start thieving again.

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Todd from Spotlight Cinema  
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# MUSICNEWS

Compiled by Aerin  
Raymond

Apple has unveiled the latest addition to the iPod family — the iPod Shuffle.

The iPod Shuffle is the smallest iPod yet, and is Apple's answer to the growing range of compact flash digital music devices.

Barely the size of a pack of chewing gum, the iPod shuffle dispenses with a screen display, and instead plays its music on constant shuffle mode, or by pre-set playlists, determined via the iTunes interface.

It features the trademark iPod click wheel, a 12-hour rechargeable battery and built-in USB port. It works with PCs and Macs, and can be worn around the neck with a built-in lanyard.

Most appealing is that this iPod will be more affordable for the masses. One model features 512MB — 120 songs — of memory and will retail at \$99 in the US, with a 1GB — 240 songs — model costing \$149. The iPod shuffle has already been shipped from factories.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs also announced that the first generation of iTunes compatible mobile phones — produced by Motorola — will be available in shops within the next six months.

Additionally, Mercedes, Nissan, Volvo, Scion and Ferrari join BMW in

manufacturing cars with iPod inputs.

The band Garbage is releasing their first album in four years on April 11.

"Bleed Like Me" — the follow-up to 2001's "beautifulgarbage," features Dave Grohl on drums for the track "Bad Boyfriend."

Tracks set to appear on "Bleed Like Me" are: "Run Baby Run," "Right Between the Eyes," "Why Do You Love Me," "Bleed Like Me," "It's All Over But the Crying," "Boys Wanna Fight," "Sex is not the Enemy," "Metal Heart," "Why Don't You Come Over" and "Happy Home."

Speaking about the album, lead singer Shirley Manson said, "The record is done, and not only is it done, but it's pretty f\*cking stellar."

R&B artist Michael Eugene Archer, better known as D'Angelo, was charged with operating under the influence and drug possession after a traffic stop. Police in Richmond, VA arrested the Grammy Award-winning singer early Sunday. A subsequent search turned up "what we believe to be cocaine and marijuana," said police Captain Karl Leonard.

Along with drunk driving, Archer was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

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## MTV helps to see brighter side of life

TV  
Guru



By Matt Kearney

If you're ever sitting in a dark room, listening to "The Cure" and feeling sorry for yourself, just watch a few hours of MTV, because you will quickly discover there are bigger losers on this planet than you. Now, I'm not talking about your average run of the mill unicyclist loser. I'm talking the type of people that make Puck from "Real World" fame look like homecoming king material.

"Totally Obsessed" is the perfect cure for any self-pity you may be feeling. This program showcases some of the biggest losers and freaks in the country. It is basically a documentary about people who happen to be obsessed with certain aspects of life. However, these are not healthy obsessions: there are no

Howard Hugheses or Edgar Allen Poes in this bunch. Instead, we are left with the degenerates of society, the kind of people you physically shy away from when you pass on the sidewalk.

For instance, one episode chronicled the lives of various people obsessed with the desire to play the "Madden Football" video-game series. Now, I've played an unhealthy amount of video games in my day, but these people put Jimmy from "The Wizard" to shame. One guy, for example, had an unusually good-looking girlfriend, but was always too busy playing "Madden" with his friend to give her any attention. I'm not even sure he knew what sex was — unless it involved him rubbing his X-Box controller on his groin. His girlfriend eventually broke up with him, because "Madden" was the only thing in his life that seemed to matter.

Another guy competed in "Madden" tournaments and seemed to believe that playing a sports video game somehow made him an athlete. He dressed up like Michael Vick and may have actually believed he was Vick while

playing the game, even though he was about 75 pounds overweight with a bad case of acne.

In another episode of the show, I saw something that still haunts my nightmares to this day. A normal looking pair of parents, who had normal jobs and a normal daughter, have been raising a Cabbage Patch doll for the past 19 years, treating it as a normal kid. You couldn't make this kind of stuff up. "Kevin," as the "parents" of the doll called it, received toys and food, watched television went fishing, and even had its own college fund.

Now, if you thought your parents were weird in any way, just be thankful that they don't have a doll they treat like a real boy. At any moment I expected the doll to bust out the "Hi, I'm Chucky. Wanna Play?" line.

So, my advice to everyone is: If you're feeling depressed or down, and think that life can't get any worse, catch a few minutes of "Totally Obsessed" and you will quickly feel much better. Nothing helps inflate self-esteem like seeing someone who believes himself to be part-Klingon.

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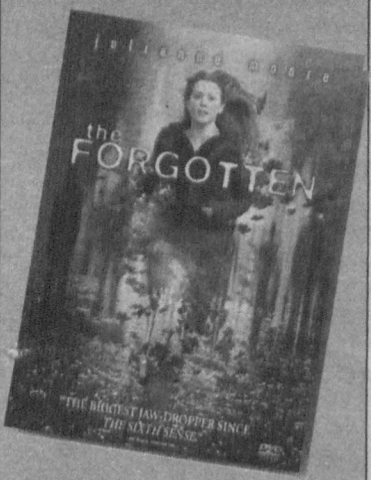
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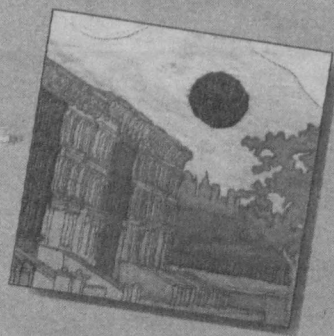


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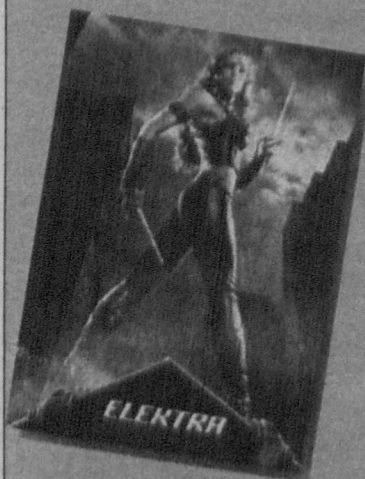


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"Coach Carter"  
Friday, Jan. 14

"Assault On Precinct 13"  
Friday, Jan. 21

## 'America' a laugh riot

By Matt Kearney  
Style Editor



### BOOK REVIEW

I headed into "America (The Book)" with fairly low expectations. Not being a huge fan of "The Daily Show" or of Jon Stewart, I was a bit apprehensive, however, any preconceived notions I had quickly disappeared as I read the hilarious foreword by Thomas "T.J." Jefferson. From front to back, the book delivered laugh after laugh and quickly cemented its place as one of the funniest books I have ever read.

Set up like the type of history book you may remember from eighth grade or high school, it even includes the "This book is the property of:" stamp on the inside of the front cover.

While the basic premise of the book is truthful, "The Daily Show" staff definitely took some historic liberties for comic effect. Although some parts of the book are fabricated, it is the author's ability to find humor in actual history that delivers. These are the type of people who could find something about the Holocaust to laugh about.

In the chapter that deals with the Judicial Branch of government, there is one controversial segment where you try to match the correct judicial robe to naked Supreme Court justices. My daydreams about what Clarence Thomas looks like naked have finally come true.

"Daily Show" regulars, like Stephen Colbert, Ed Helms and Samantha Bee, to name a few, contribute hilarious sidebars, such as, "Warren G. Harding: Our Worst President," by Colbert. Colbert compares Harding's presidency to "a taint, not just in the sense of a 'stain on the office,' but literally a taint – the anatomical area between

the anus and the testicles."

No person, country, ethnicity, organization, or celebrity is safe from the wrath of the "Daily Show" writers. The media itself is not free from the stinging sarcasm of the book. Chapter seven is entitled "The Media: Democracy's Guardian Angel," in which with only one short page, they tear down current media trends. This media tribute is followed by chapter eight, titled "The Media: Democracy's Valiant Vulgarians."

Chapter nine, "The Rest of the World: International House of Horrors" is one of funniest chapters in the book, as it gleefully perpetuates every possible stereotype of major countries and continents. Each nation is given a page or two, which includes a map and humorous facts and comments. On the New Zealand page, it states, "New Zealand boasts a remarkable 50 sheep for every Orc." In the Middle East section it has a matching activity where you have to match 15 different countries to their sworn enemy, but your only option is Israel. It is antics like these that keep the book fresh and funny from cover to cover.

"America (The Book)" is not the kind of book you sit down and read straight through in one sitting, but the kind that should adorn your coffee table for years to come. You can't read a page without laughing out loud at least a few times.

## NEWS

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The artist has kept a low profile since the 2000 release of his last Virgin album, "Voodoo." That set has sold around 1.8 million copies in the United States.

After months of speculation, Chris and Rich Robinson are reviving the Black Crowes for a five-night stand at New York's Hammerstein Ballroom.

"Regardless of the speculation, we are going to see how

these shows at the Hammerstein evolve before giving any further consideration to additional shows," he said. Tickets for the March 22-23, 25-27 shows will be available Jan. 25 via presale on the band's official Website, and Feb. 5 via Ticketmaster.

The Robinsons have yet to announce which, if any, musicians will back them at the shows, which will feature support from the John Butler Trio (March 22), the Bees (March 23), the Soundtrack of Our Lives (March 25), North Mississippi Allstars (March 26) and Ben Kweller (March 27).

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"Top Gun"

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What's in your eight ball glass?  
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Mike Melochick  
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What's in your DVD player?  
"Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgandy"

What's in your CD player?  
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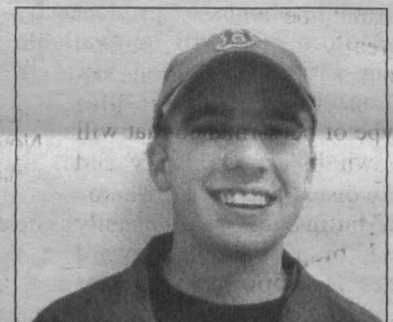
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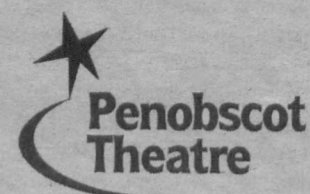
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## Hockey season heats up

By Eric Gullickson  
For The Maine Campus

With the holidays and holiday tournaments complete, college hockey teams across the country will start their run to the playoffs this weekend. The second half of the season always leads to an increase in tension and importance in the remaining games. The non-conference schedules are complete for nearly all teams. Only the remaining conference games will determine who is seeded where for the conference tournaments and the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

The biggest news of the second half thus far is the assault that Colorado College delivered to previously top-ranked Minnesota. The Tigers of CC swept the Gophers on their home ice. Colorado College won Sunday's matchup 5-3 after escaping Saturday night with a 3-2 victory in overtime. Standout forwards to watch on CC are Marty Sertich, who to this point has 18 goals and 21 assists for 39 points in just 21 games, and Brent Sterling with 19 goals and 17 assists for 36 points in 21 games. Minnesota's Ryan Potulny was held scoreless over the weekend. Potulny currently has 19 goals and 9 assists for 28 points and is another player to watch.

Wisconsin and Denver continued to roll in the Western College Hockey Association with victories over St. Cloud State and Michigan Tech, respectively.

In the Central Collegiate Hockey Association there were some close games and some not so close. The conference leading

Michigan Wolverines defeated Western Michigan 6-5 with Michigan getting the game winning goal with under a minute to play. The game showcased two of the top forwards in the country. Michigan's T.J. Hensick who recently showed off his talent for team USA in the World Junior Tournament has 13 goals and 15 assists for 28 points in just 19 games. While Western Michigan's Brent Walton has 15 goals and 18 assists for 33 points in 20 games. Ferris State surprised second seeded Ohio State with a 3-2 overtime victory.

The big game of the week in the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference was Harvard defeating Cornell 1-0 Saturday, with stellar net-minding on both sides. The goalies will likely appear in the Hobey Baker running: Dov Grummet-Morris of Harvard and David McKee of Cornell. Grummet-Morris has a 8-4-2 record with a .942 save percentage and a 1.78 GAA for the Crimson, while McKee has a 9-4-2 record with a .924 save percentage and a 1.67 GAA.

The College Hockey America Conference showcased a pair of close games over the weekend. As well. Conference leading Alabama Huntsville and Wayne State skated to a 3-3 tie Saturday and second seeded Bemidji State squeaked by Air Force 4-3 in overtime.

There are some great matchups set for Jan. 14 and 15 with North Dakota at Colorado College in the WCHA, Boston University at Boston College in Hockey East, and Ohio State at Notre Dame in the CCHA.

## BEARS

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busy wrapping up arguably their toughest non-conference schedule in school history with a 4-6 record. UMaine picked up a win over Michigan, but came up short in close games against Louisville and Indiana. The Black Bears also began their America East title defense by opening conference play 2-0, before falling 60-57 on Tuesday night against the surprise team of the America East, the University of New Hampshire.

UMaine was led over vacation, as well as on Tuesday night, by sophomore Bracey Barker, who was named America East player of the week on Dec. 20. It is the second time Barker has received the honor this season. Barker had 20 points against Michigan going 8-for-9 from the field. She also hauled in 16 points against Indiana. However, Barker struggled at the Lady Griz Holiday Classic in Missoula, Montana, scoring just three points in two games combined. She had a game high 15 points against the Wild Cats on Tuesday.

The Black Bears struggled as a team in Montana, as well. UMaine fell in the first round 82-52 to host Montana. Ashley Underwood scored 20 points off the bench for the Black Bears but it was not enough against a tough Montana team.

The Black Bears proceeded to lose the consolation game the next day against Louisville 69-57. UMaine trailed throughout much of the contest until 9:20

left in the decision, when they managed to crawl to within two points. However, Louisville was too tough in the paint for UMaine down the stretch and pulled away shortly after the Black Bear comeback. UMaine was led by senior guard Missy Traversi, who had 29 points on 10-for-13 shooting.

An earlier season highlight for the Black Bears came when UMaine knocked off Michigan, a Big-Ten team. However, the biggest highlight over vacation for the University of Maine and its women's basketball program retirement of jersey number 11 prior to the game. The number 11, which was raised to the rafters of Alford Arena, honored one of the greatest Black Bear players of all, 2004 graduate Heather Ernest. Ernest led the Black Bears to back to back first-place finishes in her junior and senior seasons, and helped her team get to the NCAA tournament last season.

Ernest, graduated from Mt. Blue High School, played all four of her college seasons for Sharon Versyp, who is now in her fifth season at Maine.

"Right when I came here I told her, if you want to be the best I'm going to be hard on you," Versyp said.

Ernest was named conference MVP twice.

"It was an emotional moment for me," Versyp said. "She thanked me and I thanked her."

Versyp and her team miss having Ernest to go to down low, but Barker has recently stepped up this season hoping to fill the void. Versyp believes Barker's play has meant a lot for the team.

"It's huge," Versyp said.

"She's going to rebound. She's going to shoot. She's going to defend."

Barker, who was a point guard in high school and played the two-guard position for the Black Bears last year, shifted to the forward position at the start of the season.

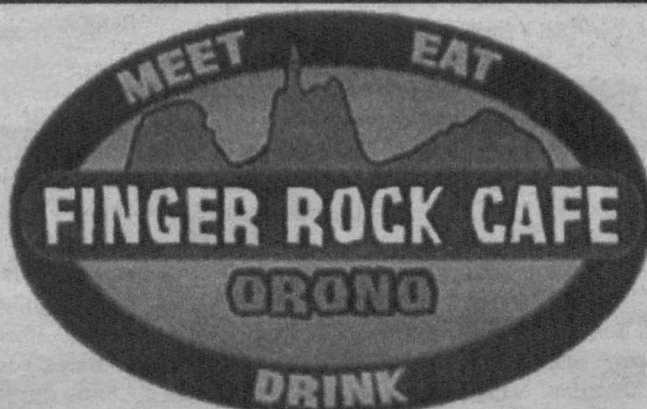
Barker, who is listed as 6'1," has started a few games at center for her team as well, including the team's America East home opener last Saturday against the University of Vermont. The Black Bears were coming off of a win at Binghamton to start of the conference season, and fell behind early to the Catamounts, who are the only team to beat UMaine during regular season conference play in three seasons.

Vermont led at one point in the first half 33-14, but the Black Bears rallied back to pull to within four at the half. Maine was led by Monica Peterson, who had 20 points in the second half. The Catamounts pulled to within three on a Chrissy Battram three-pointer, however UMaine came out on top 77-70.

Peterson was named America East player of the week on Monday. In the team's first two conference games Peterson averaged 16.5 points and 13.5 rebounds per game.

The Black Bears are now 6-7 overall and 2-1 in conference play. The Wild Cats, who were predicted to finish fourth in the preseason coaches poll, are at the top of the standings with a 7-5 record and a 3-0 conference record after beating the defending champions.

UMaine will host Albany 2 p.m. Saturday at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland.



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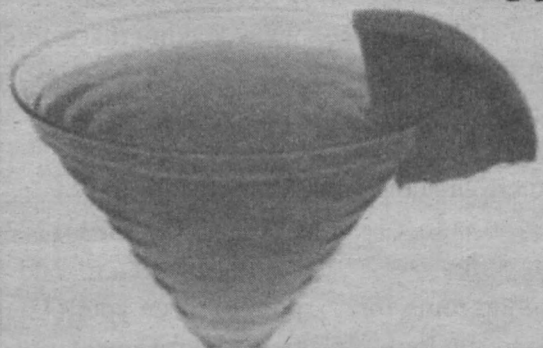
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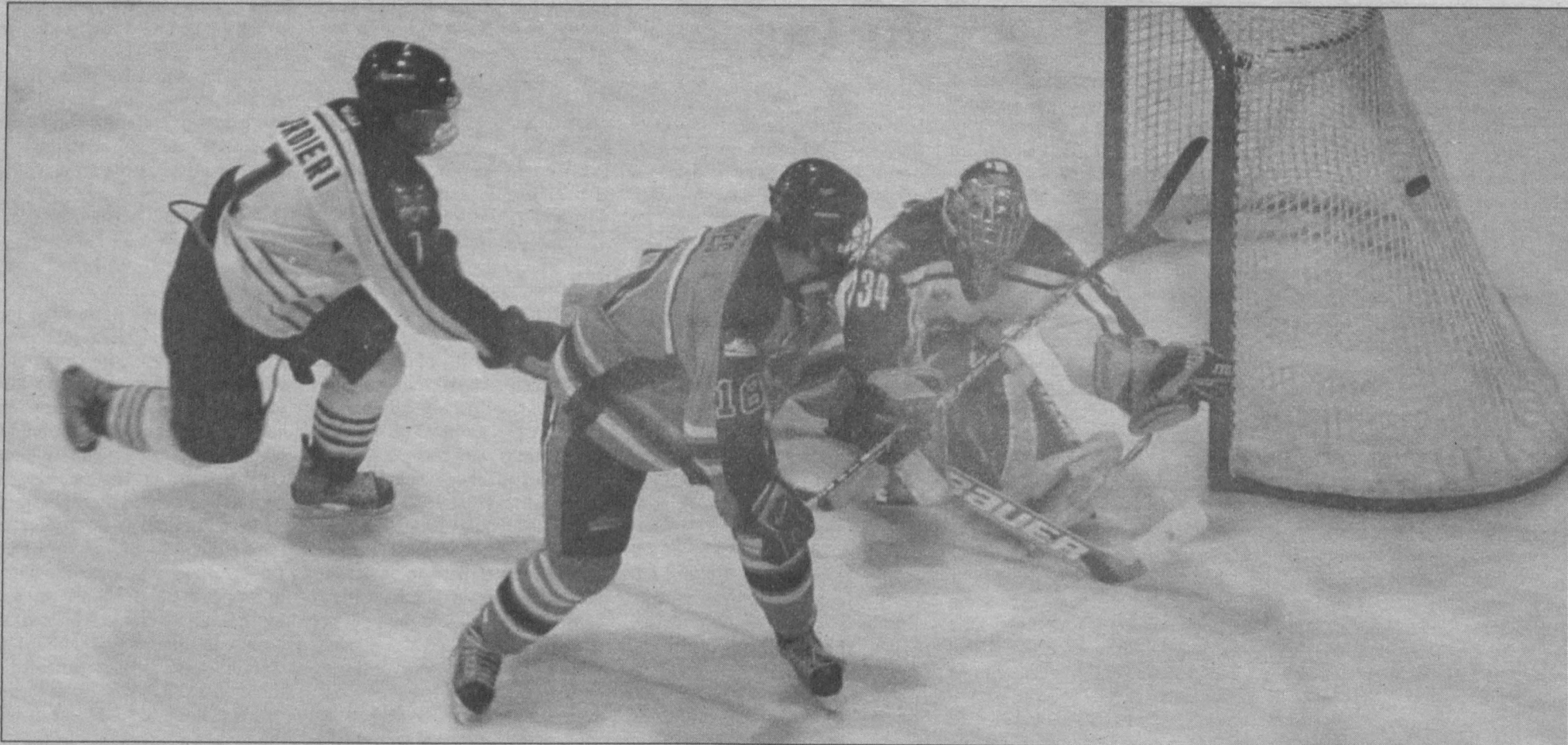
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SOARING WIDE — Josh Soares just misses the net during Sunday's win over Quinnipiac 6-0. The Black Bears will hit the road to face off with the Minutemen in two game series Friday and Saturday.

## UMASS

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in the USA Today-USA Hockey Magazine poll and in the USCHO-CSTV poll. UMass enters the series coming off a tough loss to UMass-Lowell last Saturday and a 10-11-1 overall mark. However, the Minutemen stand just two points behind the Black Bears in the Hockey East Standings with a 4-6-1 record, good enough for fifth place.

Whitehead believes the opening series against the Minutemen will bring with it weighted importance.

"We need to start strong out of the gate against UMass," said Whitehead.

UMaine heads to the Mullin Center coming off a pummeling of Quinnipiac, which saw Troy Barnes tie a program record for assists in a game with five. Barnes joined Adred Aubut, Paul Kariya, Chris Ferraro, Marcus Gustafsson and Martin Kariya who all share the record. Barnes also tied the school records for assists in a game by a defenseman and points in a game by a defenseman.

Whitehead commented on his

defenseman's record-setting performance.

"It's remarkable, I'm very happy for him," said Whitehead. "To put together five assists like that is special. He has had a great career here."

Whitehead also believes the play of a senior leader like Barnes at this time in this season could create many benefits.

"It's very important, we have been looking to our junior and seniors to elevate their games and expand as the year goes on," said Whitehead.

On Monday afternoon, Barnes was named the Hockey East Defensive Player of the Week. It was the first defensive player of the week honor for Barnes in his career. It is the second time this season a Black Bear has been named Defensive Player of the Week.

After the game, Barnes discussed his achievement.

"It's a huge plus, it's an honor to be in a category like that," said Barnes. "I give all the credit to my teammates."

When asked when was the last time he recorded that many assists in a game Barnes jokingly responded, "The outdoor rink at my home probably."

Barnes' teammates were the sudden outburst of production for Barnes. Goaltender Jimmy Howard, who earned his third shutout of the season, took time to talk about Barnes' night after the game.

"[Barnes] came out of nowhere," said Howard. "That will do wonders for his confidence, we are really going to need him down the stretch."

Howard talked about his third shutout, as well.

"The shots they had I saw them all the way and when I can see them I usually stop them," said Howard.

Whitehead feels the shutout is just what Howard needs to get on a hot streak.

"I think Jimmy is really going to have a great second half," said Whitehead. "He has been cleared by the doctors to train all out to get into great shape for the stretch run."

Josh Soares contributed significantly for the Black Bears against the Bobcats hauling in two goals in the match.

"Soares is perhaps our most improved player," said Whitehead. "Great guy who has worked extremely hard to get into great shape, I am really happy for him."

After the decision, Soares talked about the chanced to play at home after being away for nearly a month.

"It was really nice to be back playing in front of the home crowd," said Soares. "They give you that boost, that extra jump in your stride."

Soares also feels the shutout victory will give the team some much needed momentum.

"It's something we really need right now, to have a complete game like we did we are really happy with it," said Soares.

UMaine will hope to carry over their recent success against a dead-ly UMass squad that will be eager to avenge two straight losses. The first of which came in an epic triple overtime duel for the Hockey East Championship. The most recent came in November when UMaine squashed the Minutemen 6-2 at Alford Arena. Overall, the teams have played each other 40 times, with the Black Bears carrying a 31-6-3 record into this weeks series.

The Minutemen assault will be led by junior Stephen Werner who currently has a team best of eleven goals and ten assists for 21 points. Sophomore Matt Anderson leads the way in the assist department

with 13, as well as seven goals. Rounding the top three for UMass is freshman PJ Fenton who has recorded nine goals and seven assists.

In net, the Minutemen will be backed by junior stopper Gabe Winer. The often overlooked keeper has registered a 2.71 goals against average and a .897 save percentage in 16 games.

Senior Tim Warner backs Winer in net with a 3.15 goals against average and a .887 save percentage.

The matchup with the Minutemen is one the Black Bears are eager to get under way with.

"I can't wait, if we keep sticking to the game plan we are going to come together," said Howard. "If we focus on the things we need to do we are going to be a tough team to beat."

Barnes also believes the time is now for the Black Bears.

"We've had a lot of meetings and we know we have to come prepared in the second half or were going to be in danger of not making the tournament," said Barnes. "We don't want that to happen, so hopefully collective we pick it up."

Both games are slated to begin at 7 p.m. in Amherst, Mass.

## STREAK

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Sheri Wauters record their first goals in a UMaine uniform. Although Sacred Heart faced 60 shots on goal, they still found time to get in a few shots of their own, firing 11 shots on Gettings, who recorded her third shutout of the season.

The second game of the series saw UMaine dominate Sacred Heart once again with a 4-1 victory. As if outshooting the Pioneers by less than 50 shots in the first game was not enough, the Black Bears increased their shot total to a season-high 74 while Sacred Heart was limited to below double digits with eight shots on net. The Black Bears received a two-goal performance

from Amy Quirion while Morgan Janusc scored her first goal of the season. Also, forward

*"Our defense has to play well but I know they will because they have been doing that all year."*

Rachel Gettings  
UMaine women's hockey  
Goaltender

Cheryl White added to her team-leading total of 12 goals.

Besides winning games and scoring a massive amount of goals, the team also managed to win some awards. On Monday, seven Black Bears were named to the Hockey East Honor Roll Team. One of which included Gettings who earlier in the month was named the Itech goaltender of the month for December after making 64 saves during a four-game stretch.

"Our defense has been huge this year and UNH is one of the best teams in our league," Gettings said. "Our defense has to play well but I know they will because they have been doing that all year."

As for the No. 8 Wildcats, they will come to face the Black Bears with a record of 14-4-3. However, in their last three games, the Wildcats have gone 1-1-1.

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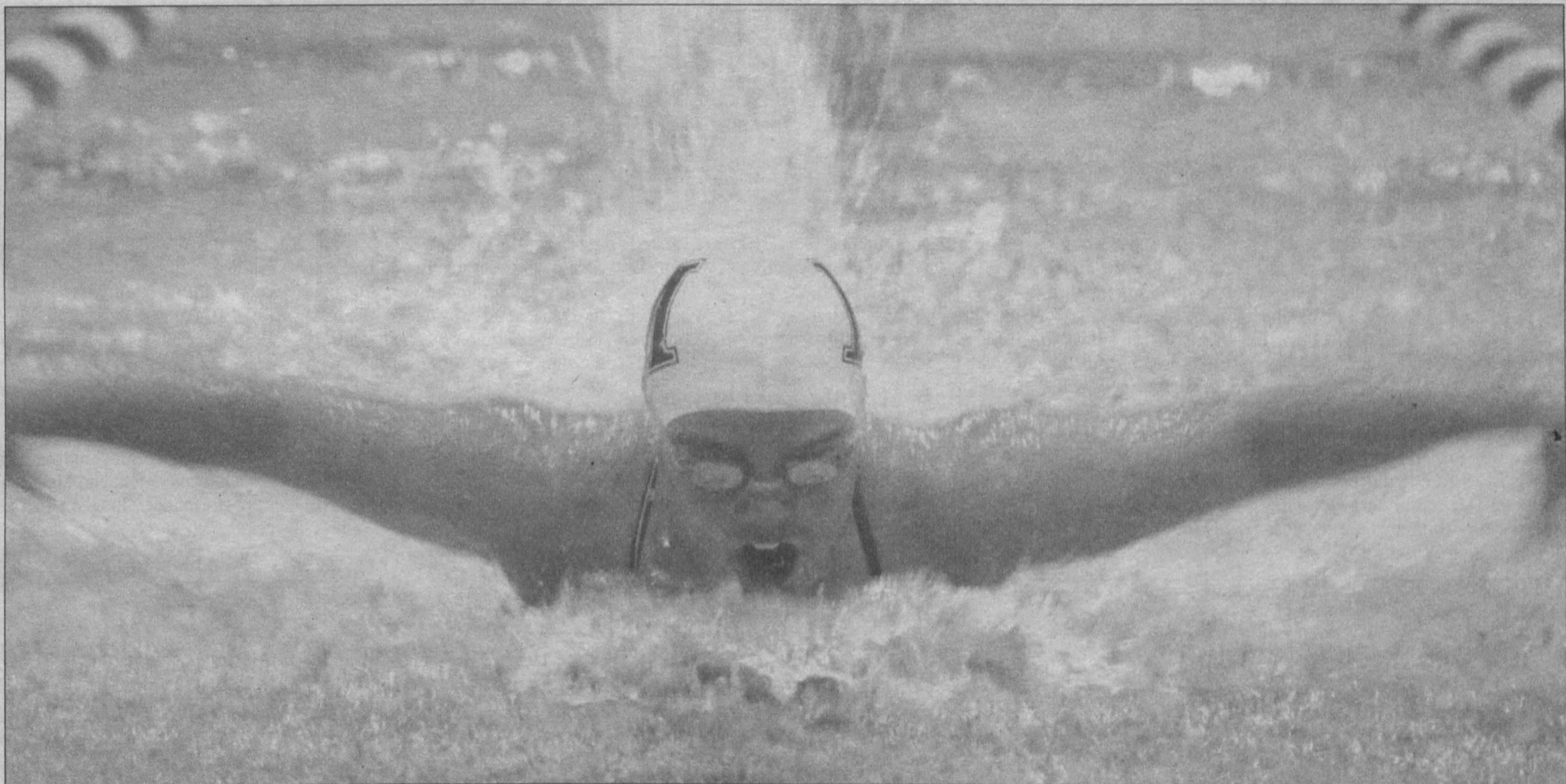
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**WATER WINGS** — Erin Wooley cruises down the lane in the 200-yard butterfly at Sunday's meet versus Yale in the Wallace Pool. Both the men's and women's swim team suffered losses to the Bulldogs.

## YALE

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place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:56.18. Tal Shpaizer took two wins in the meet with first-place finishes in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:00.32 and in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:08.55.

Karin Feldman had a strong

meet with a first-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly. Feldman posted a time of 1:01.25 and a second-place finish in the 200-yard butterfly in 2:16.11. Heather Griffin finished second in two events, the 50-yard freestyle in 26.37 and in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 56.67.

Brittany Harrington finished second in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:28.65. In the relay events, the Black Bears

took first place in the 200-yard medley relay.

In diving, Jessica Pratt managed to take second place in the one-meter diving event, while Shannon Scott took third place in the same event.

On the men's side, the Black Bears were paced by Andy Magiera, who had two first-place finishes, one in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 55.73, and another win in the 200-yard indi-

vidual medley. Zach Gray swam away with a win in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:17.91.

UMaine also came away from the meet with a handful of second-place finishes. Martin Fitch placed second in the 100-yard backstroke in 58.65, Zach Weinman was second in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:03.68, and Jason Stevens took second in the 100-yard freestyle in 50.45. Scott Forrestall raked in

a memorable performance with a personal best in the 1,000-yard freestyle with a time of 10:48.97.

In the relay events, the Black Bears took first place in the 200-yard free relay and a second place finish in the 200 yard medley relay.

Both UMaine swim and diving teams will face Providence College for their final home meet of the season at noon Friday, Jan. 16 at Wallace Pool.

## RIVAL

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"I thought we played very well, its a very difficult environment to play in," said Woodward. "Our guys did everything they could to put themselves into a position to win."

Nearly ten months since he last crushed hearts at UMaine, Coppenrath did it again with a twisting shot from inside the paint that fell exuberantly into the basket. Coppenrath, who dismantled UMaine in last year's America East title match, hauled in 28 points on the afternoon. The game-winning play came when ESPN heartthrob T.J. Sorrentine was fouled on a lay-up with 17 seconds remaining in the match. With the Catamounts down by one and Sorrentine at the charity strip, the sparky guard proceeded to miss the free throw only to see the rebound result in a jump-ball call that was awarded to Vermont. On the following play Coppenrath tallied his game winning basket.

A Black Bear victory against the top-ranked Catamounts would have likely sent shock waves throughout the entire conference and given UMaine some semblance of revenge after last season's defeat. However, the Black Bears will now have to wait for their regular season finale against Vermont for retribution. The decision, which saw UMaine enter half-time down 30-26, marked the Black Bears second straight defeat.

UMaine was led by head-band wearing dynamo Ernest Turner, who scored a career-high 28 points. Kevin Reed, who entered the game off the bench for the first time on the year chipped in 13 points, along with three rebounds. Jermaine Jackson rounded out the leading scorers recording 10 points. Local boy Joe Campbell hauled in a game-high 10 rebounds.

Woodward believes Saturday's game will provide motivation for his squad later on in the year.

"It was a very good effort, but we are disappointed we didn't come out with a win," said Woodward. "We're looking forward to taking our game up a level so we can win those games."

The biggest story that came out of the game was the play of freshman guard Jon Hight, who entered the season as freshman walk-on. Due to a recent barage of injuries, Hight saw a season-high 27 minutes against the America East's two-time defending champion. The most notable of injuries saw senior point guard Chris Markwood sidelined for three to five weeks with an injured broken hand against Stony Brook Jan. 2. Hight, who entered the game averaging just barely two minutes on the year, collected two pivotal baskets along with three rebounds. Hight's Rudy-esque story will undoubtedly continue to find the headlines with him filling the role at point over the next month. Woodward had nothing but high praise for Hight's performance.

"Jay Hight in his first really significant action of the season

stepped up in a pressure packed environment," said Woodward.

Hight will need to continue to play above himself against an improved Wildcat squad Thursday night if UMaine hopes to come away with the victory. Woodward credits UNH with developing tremendously from last season.

"New Hampshire is a much improved team over what they

*"Kevin Reed is a warrior, an absolute warrior."*

Ted Woodward  
Head Coach  
UMaine Basketball

have been, they have gotten off to a great start," said Woodward. "They have lots of guys that can shoot the basketball and you have to cover them in all five positions, so they will be a very tough match-up for us in their own gym."

The Wildcats enter the contest 5-8 on the year and 1-3 in conference competition. Coming off a 73-64 defeat to Stony Brook on Sunday, the Seawolves are led by Blagoj Janev who is averaging 12.8 points per game. Janev has managed to pull down 5.9 rebounds per game and leads his crew in three point field goals with 26 points. Also contributing important numbers for UNH is

Durham's scoring sensation Ben Sturgill, who has added 10.4 points per game and a team-high 6.7 rebounds per game. Jermaine Anderson rounds out the scoring for the Wildcats post 8.5 points per game.

UNH will enter the game shooting 41.9 percent from floor with their opponents connecting on 40.8 percent of their shots. The match marks the 165th meeting between the two programs with the Black Bears retaining a 103-61 advantage. UMaine has also entered the game having won the last three meetings with the last duel coming last February when the Black Bears merited a 60-58 victory.

UMaine will be hoping to see Turner continue his recent run of success. Turner comes into the match averaging 14.7 points per game and 39 assists on the year. Turner has shot 47.6 percent from behind the three point arc in conference play.

"Ernest, game by game, is getting better," said Woodward. "He's starting to feel more comfortable on the court and in the things we do, I just think he's a real versatile player."

Woodward is also impressed with Turner's progression in other areas opposed to scoring.

"I think he's become an excellent passer and his defense is something he's starting to take tremendous pride in," said Woodward.

Turner will be supported in the back court with high flying conference player of the year candidate Reed, who has recently seen

time drop due to undisclosed minor injuries. However, Reed is sure to be back in the starting lineup Thursday. The junior guard will be looking to inch close to the 1,000 point plateau. He currently has 956 points in 73 career games. He enters the game averaging 11.4 points per game and 6.8 rebounds game. Reed, coming in at a mighty 6'2," leads the Black Bears in rebounding. Reed leads the America East in rebounding.

"Kevin is a warrior, he's an absolute warrior," said Woodward. "He's a great shooter but he does so much more," said Woodward.

The high praise for the likable Reed doesn't stop there for Woodward.

"Kevin is the heart and soul of our basketball team along with Joe Campbell," said Woodward. "I feel Kevin has really grown into a role as a leader," said Woodward.

The Black Bears will return back to Alford Arena for a Sunday date with a team that Woodward feels could be very dangerous in the America East.

"Albany is the most improved team in the league," said Woodward. "They had several transfers sitting out last year and Jamal Wilson who was Rookie of the Year two years ago is back."

The game against the Great Danes is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. Albany stands at 2-2 in the conference and 6-7 on the year.

"I think they are a very good basketball team," said Woodward. "They have had some good wins this season and I really think they are a team to reckon with."





# Black Bears return to the road to face rival UNH

By Matthew Conyers  
Sports Editor

For the University of Maine men's basketball squad, the road has become quite the familiar place.

Over the past two months, the Black Bears have played 10 of their 13 regular season games away from the friendly confines of Orono. The recent surge of wanderlust for UMaine is not about to disappear, with two of the team's

next three decisions on the road. Up next for the Black Bears and their traveling band of dribblers is the University of New Hampshire, who will play host to UMaine's rowdy road tour this Thursday. The Black Bears will return home briefly to grapple with a vastly improved Albany team this Sunday before next Wednesday's trip to the Constitution State to face Hartford.

The Black Bears currently stand at 7-6 overall and 2-2 in

conference play. They are ranked fifth in the America East with a .500 record.

Although head coach Ted Woodward believes his team has

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improved their play from the start of the season, he still believes improvement is needed for their upcoming road stretch.

"We feel like we are trying to

get more consistent. This is the time of the year where you make a push to be amongst the top teams in the league," said Woodward. "We have some very good moments and some others we want to improve upon."

Thursday's match against the Wildcats will provide the Black Bears with their first chance to hit the court since the most heart-breaking defeat of their season last Saturday. UMaine enters the game coming off a near upset of confer-

ence darling University of Vermont.

Before a typically rowdy crowd at Patrick Pass Gym, the Catamounts managed to narrowly escape with a 67-66 win over the Black Bears, thanks to a Taylor Coppenrath basket with just 6.1 seconds remaining.

Woodward commented on his team's narrow defeat and his players' performances later on in the week.

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CAMPUS PHOTO BY MELISSA ARMES

REBOUND RECOVERY — Billy Ryan regains a rebound during the Black Bears 6-0 shutout victory over Quinnipiac on Sunday night.

## Raising the Stakes

Men's ice hockey kicks off crucial conference competition with series against UMass

By Matthew Conyers  
Sports Editor

On Sunday evening, the University of Maine men's ice hockey squad gave one final farewell to non-conference competition until what they hope will be late March.

After an overwhelming 6-0 pounding of Quinnipiac Sunday night, the Black Bears will begin a stretch of 14 Hockey East contests before the start of the conference tournament. UMaine will usher in the Hockey East portion of their schedule with a road excursion this weekend with an

important two-game slate against the University of Massachusetts.

UMaine head coach Tim Whitehead believes the Black Bears are ready to make an assault on the conference standings.

"I think we are ready to make a run," said Whitehead. "The com-

petition will continue to get tougher and tougher each weekend but I think we are prepared for that."

The Black Bears enter the series currently 11-8-3 on the year and 6-3-1 in conference play. The squad ranks fifteenth in the nation

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## UM snatches mixed results over break

By Riley Donovan  
Staff Writer

While most students at the University of Maine have been on vacation for the past month, the

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women's basketball team was hard at work enduring the rigors of a college basketball season. The Black Bears did get some time off over break, but remained

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## Yale pulls off double sweep of Bears

By Katy Vanorse  
For The Maine Campus

The University of Maine men's and women's swimming and diving teams got back into the

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swing of competition on Sunday, when the Black Bears played host to Yale University. The Bulldogs swept the meet, with the Yale women's team defeating the Black Bears 161-139 and the men's team besting UMaine with a score of 182-109.

Although the UMaine squads did not come away with a team victory, there were many individual wins, most notably Megan



CAMPUS PHOTO BY SARAH BIGNEY

JUST BREATH—Barrett Nichols approaches the final turn in the men's 1,000-yard freestyle in Sunday's dual meet.

Wolters, who continued her hot streak. On Sunday, Wolters set a new UMaine women's swim record in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:07.16.

To go along with her record-breaking 500 yard freestyle, Megan Wolters also took first

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## UMaine prepares to put streak on the line

By Ryan Clark  
For The Maine Campus

Before heading into this weekend's series against the University of New Hampshire, the University of Maine women's hockey team was looking to gain a little bit of momentum.

That "little bit" of momentum has turned into a seven-game winning streak that has spanned a little

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more than a month. During this stretch, the Black Bears have done more than just beat their opponents, they have been able to defeat them convincingly as they have outscored their opponents 33-10.

Outside of continuing a strong offensive presence, UMaine will be hoping to stay consistent on defense, where they will face a Wildcat offense that has four 20-point scorers this season.

"It definitely is a big weekend for us and this is the start of a long stretch of conference games for us," said goaltender Rachel Gettings. "We've really been working and preparing hard all week for our two games against them."

UMaine's streak began in early December when they traveled to Boston, where they not only swept Northeastern but picked up their first conference wins of the season. Since that time, the Black Bears returned to Orono for a five-game home stand where they scored no less than four goals in in every decision. However, their streak almost came to an early end when they narrowly edged out Yale 5-4 on New Year's Day. The game against the Bulldogs saw the Black Bears fall into an early 3-1 deficit, that gave way for a gutsy comeback victory.

However, their last weekend series provided a much different story with the Black Bears crushing Sacred Heart 12-1 over two games. The first game was an 8-0 victory that saw Kendall Junta and

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